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Ms. Mary Jo Roth  
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**FILE**

Dear Ms. Roth:

Referenced is your letter dated October 28, 1998, regarding the steam turbine upgrade (Unit 1) at Coal Creek Station.

The Department concurs that the upgrade is a routine replacement of parts. In addition, since there will not be an increase in heat input (lb/10<sup>6</sup> BTU) or an increase in emissions on a lb/hr or ton/yr basis, the PSD significant levels will not be exceeded pursuant to the WEPCO rule. Therefore, additional permitting or modeling will not be required.

If you have any questions, contact Mr. Gary Helbling of my staff at (701)328-5188.

Sincerely,

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